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SUBJECT: DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE

REF: (A) STATE 177125, (B) NAIROBI 9960

1. PERMREP MET AUGUST 9 WITH DANILOV, COUNSELOR OF SOVIET  
MISSION TO UNEP AND MOISEEV, THIRD SECRETARY, TO DISCUSS  
UPCOMING CONFERENCE. SOVEIT DELEGATION WILL NUMBER AROUND  
FOURTEEN, INCLUDING DANILOV AND MOISEEV, AND WILL BE  
HEADED BY FORMER MINISTER OF GEOLOGY SEDERENKO, WHO IS  
NOW ASSOCIATED WITH SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

2. SOVEIT DELEGATION WILL WISH "TO SHARE THEIR EXTENSIVE  
EXPERIENCE" WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS, BUT DANILOV UNAWARE  
OF ANY SPECIFIC INITIATIVES WHICH DELEGATION MIGHT PROPOSE.  
WHILE ESSENTIALLY NON-COMMITTAL ON QUESTION OF SMALL  
DESERTIFICATION UNIT WITH UNEP, HE RATHER POINTEDLY  
WONDERED WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT BE PREFERABLE TO HAVE GROUP  
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3. ONLY REALLY CONTENTIOUS ISSUE WHICH DANILOV FORESEES  
IS THAT OF FINANCING. IN THAT CONNECTION, HE ASKED IF  
PERMREP THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE MERIT IN HAVING "SMALL  
GROUP" MEET DURING CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS METHODS OF  
FINANCING. PERMREP NOTED THAT TOLBA ANTICIPATES THAT

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL PUSH HARD FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND, BUT THAT TOLBA HIMSELF FEELS THIS IS NON-STARTER AND, AS HE MENTIONED AT AUGUST 4 BRIEFING, HE FAVORS A CONSORTIUM APPROACH. DANILOV AGREED THAT TOLBA HAD NOT EXPLAINED VERY CLEARLY WHAT HE HAD IN MIND. PERMREP SUGGESTED THAT GIVEN LACK OF SPECIFICITY, IT MIGHT BE PREMATURE TO PLAN TO HAVE GROUP SUCH AS DANILOV SUGGESTED MEET DURING CONFERENCE; HE NEVERTHELESS WOULD REPORT SUGGESTION TO DEPARTMENT. (AS REPORTED REF. B, TOLBA HOPES TO PRESENT DETAILS ON FINANCING PROPOSALS IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT).

4. DANILOV SUGGESTED FURTHER MEETING NEXT WEEK. IF DEPARTMENT WISHES PERMREP MAKE ANY FURTHER RESPONSE TO DANILOV'S SUGGESTION ON FINANCIAL QUESTION, PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE BY AUGUST 16.

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